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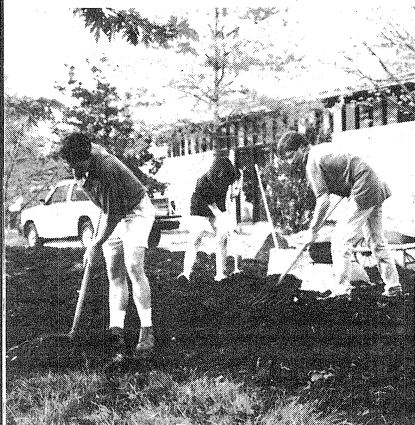


S.W. residents at work on the Southwest Garden.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY GARDEN

What makes a garden grow? The blessings of Rev. Parke Street of St. Augustine's Church, the guidance of Ms. Judy Tiger of Garden Resources of Washington (GROW) and a dedicated group of S.W. residents all willing to learn the art of gardening.

With the assistance of GROW and Ms. Tiger, the soil has been prepared, the fence put up and seeds planted. This community garden has brought together people from all areas of southwest. A common bond has been formed which has transformed a small plot of land into a pleasant and hopefully productive southwest community garden.



St. Augustine/Temple Micah Church volunteers plant garden.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Stars of FENCES Yaphet Kotto and Kim Hamilton

FENCES PERFORMANCE TO BENEFIT S.W. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Southwest Scholarship Committee in conjunction with the Arena Stage is sponsoring a benefit performance of FENCES June 17th at 2:00 p.m. Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner playwright August Wilson's production of FENCES won the 1987 Tony Award for Best Play. Directed by Arena Stage Artistic Associate Tazewell Thompson, this production features film and television actor Yaphet Kotto and is playing in the Kreeger Theater thru the end of June.

Proceeds will benefit southwest students completing all scholarship requirements. This committee fundraiser along with community and business contributions will assist many college bound and currently enrolled students residing in southwest.

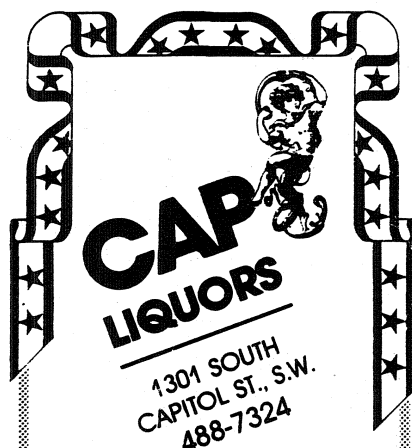
Tickets may be purchased from any committee member. Ticket price is \$20.75, call 488-3746 or 863-2178. The deadline for this special Father's Day performance is **June 1st.**

Playwright August Wilson, a self-taught man who dropped out of school at the age of 15, started his writing career as a poet. The play is one in a cycle of works chronicling the course of 20th-century black life decade by decade.

FENCES took Broadway by storm in 1987, winning widespread acclaim garnering the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and New York Drama Desk for Best Play, plus four Tony Awards.

Other Wilson works include Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, "The Piano Lesson," and "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," which was a highlight of Arena's 1987-88 season. Wilson once described his artistic agenda as a desire to "demonstrate how tradition can sustain a man once he has left his father's house." His dramaturgy is praised for giving voice to "centuries of hearing," fusing rich African storytelling with Western imagery.

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Pulitzer Prize winner August Wilson

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Yaphet Kotto, who appeared triumphantly on Broadway as Jack Johnson in "The Great White Hope" in the early 70's, returns to the stage after many years as a successful and versatile film and television actor. He played Parker in "Alien" and received an Emmy nomination for Best Actor for his performance in "Raid On Entebbe." Some of his other film appearances include "Brubaker," "Blue Collar," "Live and Let Die," and "Midnight Run." He has made guest appearances on "Murder, She Wrote" and "Hill Street Blues." Kotto grew up in New York City and recently learned that he is the crown prince of the Royal "Bell" Family of Doulla Cameroons, West Africa. His autobiography "Royalty" will appear in 1990.

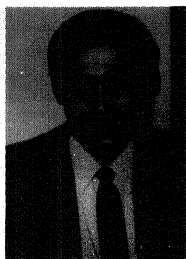
Director Tazewell Thompson, who staged last fall's highly successful production of "The Glass Menagerie," at Arena, earned a Helen Hayes Award nomination for his Arena production of Mustapha Matura's "Playboy of the West Indies" last season. He received the 1987 Audelco Award as Best Director of a Musical for "Abyssinia" which was staged at Arena in 1988 and is Broadway-bound in 1990.

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SWNA/ANC

ANC NEWS

Chapter III ABC Application. The license is up for renewal, technically though it's being treated as a transfer in classification to a nightclub license. In response to opposition from the neighbors, the Commission is opposing the license. See my letter, attached. The club is due to be sold to its manager, but the sale is contingent upon the license being approved!

Capitol Park fence. The condo board wants permission to erect a fence that would cross publicly owned land. (No permission would be required if it stayed solely on their property.) Although the board indicated that a majority of the co-owners favored the fence, the ANC heard from residents of the complex, including boardmembers, who are strongly opposed to the fence (because they see it as a security hazard, not a help; and because they think it gives a "prison" feeling to the area. Due to a lack of a quorum, the ANC could not take an official position, but those present suggested the condo board repoll their members, and also solicit the views of other neighbors, e.g. 201 I tenants, about the desirability of the fence. See the letter from the condo for more details.

DEVELOPERS REVISE PLANS UPWARD. KG Associates (also known as West End Development Inc.) has submitted a revised PUD (planned unit development) application to the Zoning Commission. They want to increase the size of a proposed office building, from 140,600 sf to 188,000 sf; from a floor area ratio (FAR) of 4.3 to 5.8; and from a height of 90' to 111'! (Matter of right zoning now in effect would permit an FAR of 3.0, and a gross of building size of 97,300 sf) In light of this and other recent applications, the Office of Planning is carrying a study of the area. No hearing has yet been scheduled. The ANC is planning to hold a town meeting on development issues affecting the South Capitol and M SE area in July. (See attachments.)

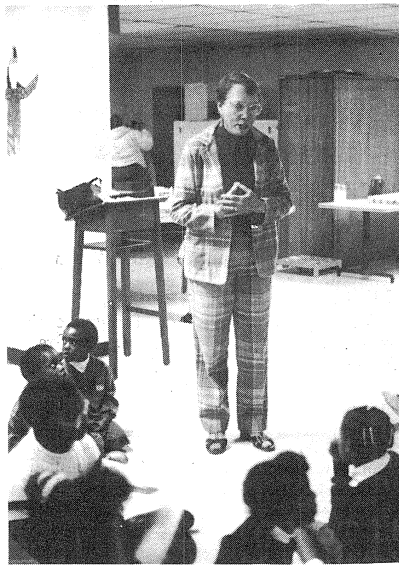
Laundromat. The ANC has been in touch with the operator of a laundromat on H street. She would like to open up a new store in the shopping strip on the southwest corner of S Cap and M, but so far hasn't been able to negotiate an acceptable rent. The old laundromat (at 1546 1st SW) closed and residents need a new one.

Safeway Bakery. Safeway officials said they'd put in a "mini-bakery" but they haven't done so yet. ANC expects to have a rep at our June meeting.

SOUTH CAPITOL & M. St. Dept. of Public Works officials have placed NO LEFT TURNS signs recently. The left turn is prohibited during rush hours except for buses. This corridor is one of the most congested arterials in the city. The new traffic system is being fine tuned for the most efficient traffic control.

ANC 2-D MEETING

The next meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D will be Monday, June 11. Please call 554-1795 for location. All are welcome.



SWNA President Margaret Feldman

SPECIAL COUNSEL TO U.S. ATTORNEY TO SPEAK AT SWNA MEETING MAY 31

Ms. Judy Smith, Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney's Office will be the keynote speaker at the next SWNA monthly meeting May 31st at 7:30pm. Crime and Drug Task Force chairman Atkins Warren is coordinating this meeting. There will be an opportunity for community questions and discussion afterwards.

The meeting will be held at St. Matthews Church. All are welcome.

JOB PROGRAM PAYS TRAINING STIPEND

Each Saturday morning training session is worth \$10 to each student in the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force program. Additional grant money received by the program made possible this additional feature starting with the May 12 session.

The training sessions scheduled for June include:

- Money Management
- Success techniques and goal setting
- Field trips, including behind the scenes tours at:
 - J. W. Marriott Hotel
 - CNN (Cable News) TV Channel

On Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. an awards recognition program will be held at the DAV Building, 807 Maine Ave. S.W., with keynote speaker Mr. Colbert I. King, executive vice president of Riggs National Bank.

1990 Census Be Counted



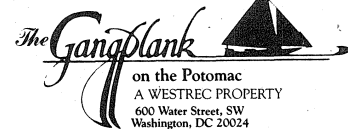
SWNA V. Pres. Edgar Mead

VOLUNTEER CHALLENGES STUDENTS

SWNA Board Member Edgar Mead has been a volunteer reader at the Amidon School. After two sessions, Mead decided that these students were bright and smart, and needed more of a challenge than has been provided by the commercialized pap intended to be for children. Mead chose to start an experiment. After reading a story in French about "Les Pompiers" (The firemen), Mead tried out the students with a few words and phrases in the Russian language. They can now count in Russian and speak some of the courtesies such as Good morning, How are things, Good-bye, etc. Imagine the thrill of bidding adieu to this bright-eyed group of youngsters who shout in chorus "Do swedanya" (So long until we meet again.)

CONGRATULATIONS

S.W. resident and Southwester staff member, Sonte B. DuCote, received her undergraduate degree from Howard University. She is also a S.W. Scholarship recipient. Our community donations were well spent. Thanks!



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PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES



Robin "Sugar" Williams

OSAY YOUTH CLUBS BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM

Greenleaf OSAY has two Youth Clubs (Boys & Girls) under the leadership of staff members Mr. Wendell Stringfellow and Ms. Andrea Washington. The Boys Youth Club has twenty-five members ranging in ages from 8 to 12 years and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These club meetings consist of self awareness and self esteem social building sessions. Every member must speak and add some incentive toward the meeting agenda. All meetings are governed by "Roberts' Rules of Order," guided by the elected officers. Every Friday the club members have a trip to the movies or elect to dress up for a dinner outing.

The girls' youth club consists mainly of students from two self-esteem groups at Bowen and Syphax elementary schools. They range in ages from 7 to 13 years. Meetings are on every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. This group participates in cooking sessions, group discussions, film workshops, Kennedy Center plays, etc. Ms. Washington is presently trying to start sewing classes for this group and is working hard at securing some sewing machines and materials.

Greenleaf OSAY has also recently started a co-ed Teen Club. This club was put together by the youth staff member and receptionist, Ms. Rica Bynum. The Teen Club meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. They plan and develop workshops such as AIDS awareness and teen pregnancy. Also our Teen Club sold over 75 tickets for the fundraising OSAY basketball game against radio station Magic 102.3 FM. In all Greenleaf OSAY raised over \$500 to help fund our summer activities.

ROBIN "SUGAR" WILLIAMS: ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

by Gilbert Leggett

She is sugar and spice, and everything nice. She's level headed, humble, enthusiastic and determined. If that's not enough, include talented, funny and quite an entertainer. All of these qualities are bundled in 14-year-old cube of sugar named Robin Williams.

Robin, an 8th grader at Jefferson Jr. High is on her way to a successful musical career. Blessed with a powerfully unique voice, this budding star is bursting with energy.

Speaking about her celebrity status, "I thank the Lord for blessing me. If you have a goal, work for your goal and you'll go far in life. I thank my mom, my manager and my English teacher for being very supportive and inspiring. They are the very best people in the world.

Ms. Williams started singing in her neighborhood and has always enjoyed singing. Her favorite subject in school is English, favorite book is "Corey," favorite t.v. show is the Cosby Show and idolizes singer Pattie Labelle. She likes roller skating and go-cart riding.

Sugar adds, "My childhood is the only thing I have and I don't want to miss that. But, probably the most difficult part about my career is that I can't go out like normal kids. I have no time for anything. I have only one week off for fun."

Robin's first performance was in February 1985, since that time she has done numerous performances with some of the biggest of local and national artists, including:

Pearl Bailey, Oprah Winfrey, Stephanie Mills, Nancy Wilson, Shirley Caesar, Cicely Tyson, Maurice Hines, Miki Howard, Roy Ayers, Les McCann, Ray, Goodman, and Brown, Stacy Lattisaw, Dionne Warwick, Melissa Manchester, Melba Moore, Lou Rawls, Blair Underwood, Dick Gregory, and Marilyn McCoo.

Robin was special guest performer 'Night of the Divas' at the Kennedy Center in 1987 (she was called baby 'Diva' by the media).

She sang 'Happy Birthday' to Mrs. Rosa Parks at the Kennedy Center (A Tribute to Mrs. Parks).

In June 1989 performed at the White House. Opened the 1989 Youth Games in Baltimore, Md.

In November 1987 competed on Star Search. In December 1987 performed at the Apollo Theater as guest of Sugar 'Ray' Leonard.

In April of 1989 she performed at the Apollo again.

Miss Williams also has been selected to be a State Finalist in the 1990 Miss District of Columbia U.S. Teen Pageant in June.

Robin has appeared in over 90 churches, has had 17 T.V. appearances, 19 radio interviews and 30 newspaper write-ups and 4 magazine interviews.

She has been awarded a full four year scholarship to Spellman College, in Atlanta, Ga., upon graduation from the D.C. Public School system.

Robin concluded by saying, "First and most important, I'll keep GOD first. I would like to someday be the greatest female vocalist ever and maybe even teach music also. ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, IF WE ONLY BELIEVE."



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Carolyn McCormick shows her lovely smile.



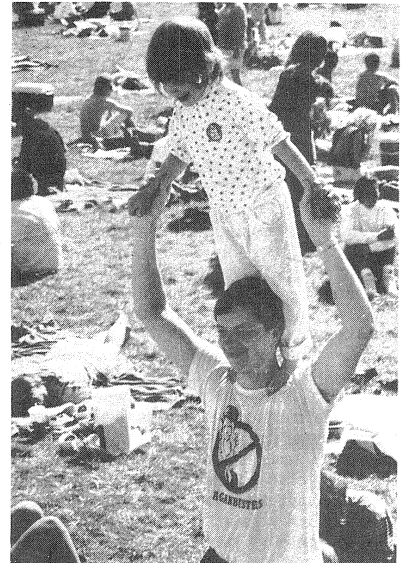
First female black astronaut Dr. Mae Jamison speaks at Air & Space Museum.



Taking a splash in front of the Capitol.



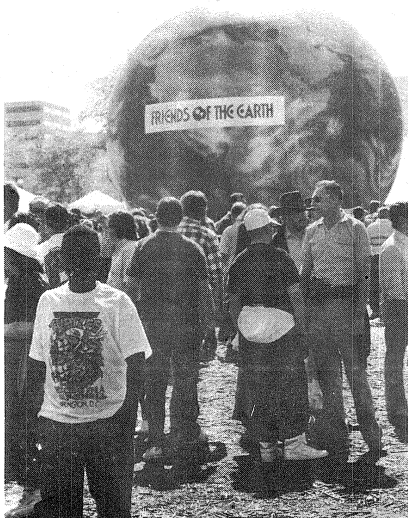
Eastern H.S. band performs in S.W.



Standing tall on dad's shoulders.



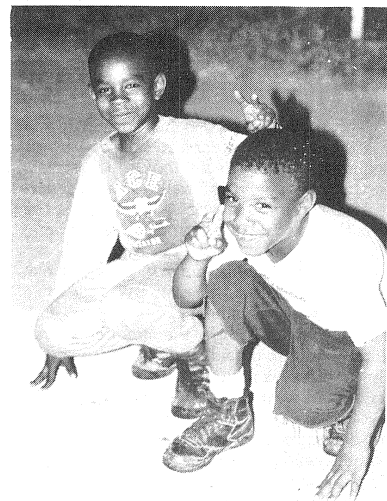
Okay, maybe I won't smile.



Earth Day 1990



View of Gangplank Lighthouse



Grinning at Greenleaf.

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COMMUNITY

THE SOUTHWEST COALITION CITIZENS PATROL

"Watch For the Orange Hats . . . They Are Your Friends!" You've probably seen them already. Perhaps you've noticed them early in the evening outside Safeway at Waterside Mall. Possibly you spotted a group walking along P Street, or Delaware Avenue, or someplace else. Maybe one of them greeted you and handed you a flier and asked you to join them.

A new phenomenon has appeared on the streets of SW: the Southwest Coalition Citizens Patrol, a group of residents who decided that community cooperation is the best way to discourage drug dealers and muggers and make our streets safe for everyone. They saw that the police couldn't do it alone: there aren't enough police officers to patrol each block and cover every potential trouble spot. They realized that staying indoors after dark was only making things worse; staying at home meant surrendering the streets to law-breakers and putting their neighbors at more risk.

They concluded that the security and the quality of life in SW is the responsibility of all who live here . . . that *everyone* in the community must pitch in together and not leave the effort to others.

The idea of a citizens patrol in Southwest was first mentioned early this year during a Citizens Advisory council meeting at First District Police Hdqts. on 4th St. by someone who knew of successful similar grassroots efforts in other D.C. neighborhoods. In early April, residents of several SW neighborhoods met at Waterside Towers to hear from the organizers of the Fairlawn Coalition in SE, whose citizens patrol was the first in the city and has been widely copied over the past 18 months. Senior police officers from the First District's Sector 2 (Southwest) also provided encouragement and guidance and promised their full support in the form of uniformed officers assigned to monitor the patrols each evening and remain in contact with each group.

Capitol Park residents hosted a followup meeting at the SW library, and the Southwest Coalition Citizens Patrol took to the streets for the first time, using walkie-talkies generously donated by Bresler & Reiner, Inc., the firm that owns Waterside Mall and several large residential properties in SW.

The idea is simple: anyone, young or old, male or female, who lives in SW and would like to spend a couple of hours walking with their neighbors to help the community, can simply show up outside the Safeway any evening of the week around 7:30 pm. Every member should wear an orange cap, available at cost for \$5. The neighborhoods to be patrolled are determined by suggestions from fellow members and police.

A reassuring note: Police report that among the similar groups that have been established in dozens of D.C. neighborhoods to date, *no* member has ever been injured in any way.

Crime prevention is not the only objective: "We hope that this will encourage a neighborly spirit and a sense of community. We



S.W. Citizens Patrol in front of Safeway.



Cpn. Pickett leads S.W. Coalition on patrol.



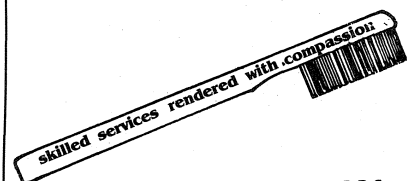
Look for the orange hats,
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want to make this a place where people aren't afraid to speak to one another on the street," said one member.

The Southwest Coalition Citizens Patrol needs **YOUR** participation in order to make Southwest a safer, more neighborly community. For further information call 554-4437 or 488-7836.

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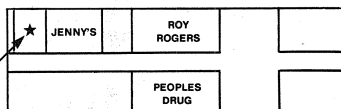
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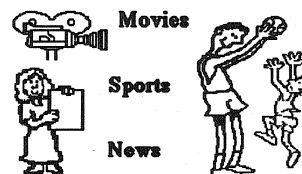


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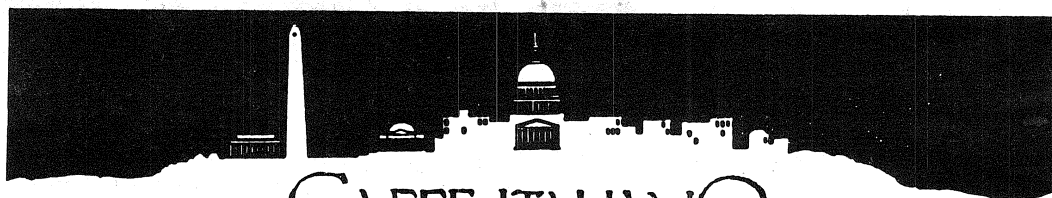
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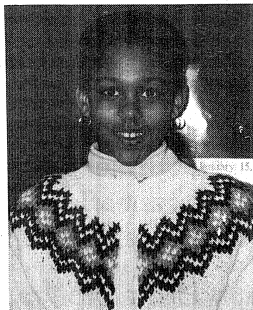
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Jefferson students in Florence, Italy



Jefferson students visit Pompeii, Italy

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Dear Southwester

Thank you very much for the terrific article on my Boy Scout Eagle Project which appeared in the May issue of *The Southwester*. It certainly stated clearly what my project attempted to accomplish.

I will use this article as part of my Eagle Board of Review presentation in June.

Most sincerely,
David M. Taxon

Dear Southwester

I have reviewed the April 1990 edition of *The Southwester*. Your article on Stephen Wade is insightful and well-written.

Keep up the good work on the newspaper. God Bless You.

Sandra Milloy Baber

ASK MARION

[This column is designed to improve family harmony. It will focus on helping parents and children better understand and communicate with each other. Questions may be addressed to Dr. Marion Rosen, c/o The SOUTHWESTER.]

Q. A grandmother asks, "Did I do the right thing? My twelve-year-old grandson has never thanked me for a gift, either by note or telephone or even in person. I have reminded him numerous times that not writing a thank you note is very bad manners. He assures me that this time is "different" and that he WILL write soon. But "soon" has never yet come. So, with this last birthday gift, I wrote to him and said, "I have decided that I shall never again send a gift to anyone who does not acknowledge receiving the one previously sent." Not surprisingly, I received an immediate phone call from him, thanking me for all the gifts I had given him over the past years. A. I can imagine that you have had mixed feelings about that telephone call. But, at least, you know that he heard you! Whether or not he will continually follow through is something you will have to wait to find out.

I congratulate you on your courage to change your ways and to allow your grandson to begin to take responsibility for his own behavior. Until now his parents and grandparents seem to have mistaken indulgence for understanding and love. He has been allowed to make excuses for inconsiderate behavior. He lives under the false impression that he has all the rights. In this way he has been deprived of the opportunity to become a truly responsible person.

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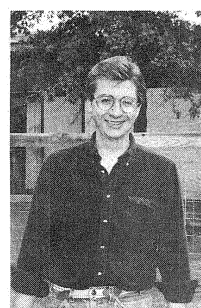
What will the Metro Green Line mean to Southwest?



Roberta McGuigan
Less traffic and people can come to the restaurants and the Arena Stage.



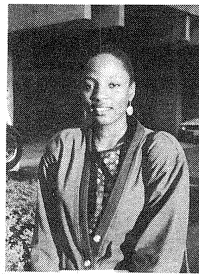
Leslie Wright
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Grandmother, by informing him of the rules of her behavior for the future, is helping him understand how his world in that family works. Generally, a child is uncomfortable when not obeying rules and appreciates the setting of limits.

It sounds as though this child would benefit from a good deal of encouragement as he goes through his daily tasks of living. Our goal should be to help him become a more cooperative and respectful human being. Mutual respect among ALL family members will serve as a good model for him. With such attitudes and behavior he will grow into a fine man, one who will be a courageous, encouraged, encourager.

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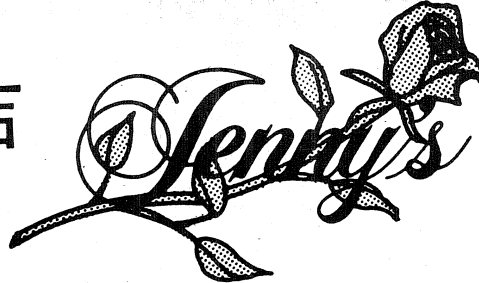
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Southeastern University, a private institution offering associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs in accounting, banking, business management, computers, finance, marketing, public administration and taxation, decided to donate its older and extra books so those involved with the law could have an opportunity to acquire their own copies of legal reference texts.

"By donating the books, we hope to enable those working with the law to be able to afford reference books which they can use," said Susan Rishworth, director of Southeastern University's library.

According to Rishworth, the book donations also gave the university a chance to further improve its collection. "With the extra space we will have, I hope to enhance our collection with other books which we do not have and to update certain materials."

Southeastern University President W. Robert Higgins commented, "I am glad this university had a chance to show its support for those working with the law. The used law book sale is a brilliant idea which benefited everyone involved."

The sale occurred at the National Lawyers Club in Northwest Washington. It was a benefit for the Federal Bar Foundation. For more information, contact Chuck Moran at 488-3162, ext. 210, or at 990-0339. Or, contact Susan Rishworth, director of Southeastern University's library, at 488-8162, ext. 228.

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FENCES cast members l. to r. Yaphet Kotto, Kim Hamilton and Wally Taylor

FENCES RECEIVES STANDING OVATION AT ARENA STAGE

by Gilbert Leggett

"Open up those pearly gates Lord". The lines that reigns from Gabriel, in the Award winning play FENCES now playing at the Arena Stage, still sing in your ear well after the play is over. Playwright August Wilson justifiably deserves the accolades for this production.

FENCES is all about family, communication and love. This powerful play speaks directly to the black community in its history and culture, but also crosses all color boundaries with its universal themes: parents who want the best for their children; children who seek independence; and the disillusionment of unfulfilled dreams.

The setting is the backyard of Troy Maxson's house (portrayed splendidly by Yaphet Kotto) in Pittsburgh from 1957-1965. Troy, an ex-con once an outstanding baseball player denied the chance to play in the major leagues because of his color, is now a garbage collector in his early fifties. He's a family man, frustrated by his limited life and lost dreams. Proud and protective of his family, he attempts to give guidance to his loved ones but instead distances those most important.

Rose, (wonderfully done by Kim Hamilton) is his faithful wife who is scorned by him, however she's still merciful and understanding. Bernard Cummings plays his oldest son Lyons, a jazz musician forever in search of a handout. My favorite character is Gabriel (Keith Johnson), the mentally impaired brother of Tony who is amusing thruout and makes one know that there really is a God.

Cory (Monti Sharp) is his youngest son who is torn between his love for football and his father's concern for his well being. Wally (Jim Bono), a life long friend rounds out the main characters for this extraordinary play.

FENCES taps the nerve center of the black struggle. Touching your heart time and time again. Simply put, trying so hard to do for your family and yourself. Utilizing all one's lifes experiences, not wanting your offspring to endure the same inequities.

FENCES deeply shares the turmoil of the black family, specifically the fathers of that generation. One clear fact remains, you don't appreciate and understand your parents until they're gone. If we could only bridge the gap by talking to each other, attempting to accept each family member's individuality and dreams. Stand by each other thru our ordeals and jubulations, then maybe we can fly away to those open pearly gates knowing we've done our best and were loved all the while.

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This two-hour patriotic spectacular, performed annually by the soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry and The United States Army Band, takes a look at the history of the United States, as seen through the eyes of the American Army.

Single performances will be held Thursday, June 14 and Friday, June 15 at 8 p.m., with two performances held Saturday, June 16 at 2 and 8 p.m.

An additional Sunday performance has been added to the schedule by request, providing viewers a choice of a 2 or 6 p.m. performance.

Included in the show are performances by the Old Guard's Fife and Drum Corps, The United States Army Drill Team, The U.S. Army Chorus, and The Commander-in-Chief's Guard, an element of the 3d Infantry patterned after George Washington's revolutionary honor guard.

The show's popularity is so great that travel groups from all over the country schedule tours around the performances. Because of this, tickets are in high demand and can be reserved throughout the year. The tickets are free to any individual or group, but must be requested in writing.

To place your order, please send your request to: "Spirit of America," Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. 20319-5050. Tickets will be mailed about 30 days prior to the first performance. Please indicate the number of tickets needed and the date you wish to see the show.

The 3d U.S. Infantry's Fife and Drum Corps, dressed in colonial musicians' attire, will again highlight the two-hour patriotic "Spirit of America" performance. Admission is free but tickets are required.

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U.S. BREAST CANCER RATE CONTINUES TO RISE

by MARY FRANCE GORDON

Breast cancer cases are increasing in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute. In 1986—the latest year for which statistics are available—the rate was 107.3 reported cases per 100,000 women, up from 86.8 in 1976. In 1986, breast cancer caused the deaths of 40,534 women in the United States.

One out of 10 American women develop breast cancer. However, 74% of them are alive and cancer-free after five years. The rate improves to 90% for localized breast cancers, due to advances in early detection, improved surgical procedures, hormonal therapy, and chemotherapy.

The two major risk factors for breast cancer are age and family history of the disease. Two-thirds of all breast cancers occur in women over 50. Daughters whose mothers had breast cancer have a higher than average chance of developing it. Other risk factors:

- Never had children
- Delivered first child after age 30
- Began menstruating before age 12
- Began menopause after age 55
- A high-fat diet.

Early detection is a major curb on cancer, according to the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations. Women should examine their breasts monthly and schedule a physician's exam every three years if they are 20 to 40 years old, and annually after age 40. Women over 40 should also schedule mammograms at regular intervals.

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"The work study program is hands-on experience for future leaders and problem solvers," Secretary Kemp said. "It can make a significant difference both for the student and the local community."

The HUD Community Development Work Study program will enable 230 economically disadvantaged men and women to spend two full academic years at one of 29 selected colleges or universities throughout the nation. At the same time, the students will gain professional experience by working to plan, develop, or administer local activities undertaken through HUD programs such as Enterprise Zones, McKinney Act Homeless Assistance Programs, and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Secretary Kemp said that individual students will be chosen by the institutions of higher education or area-wide planning organizations participating in the Work Study program. Criteria used to choose students will include financial need; interest in and commitment to a career in local community development; insight to low-income and minority concerns in urban areas; academic ability; and professional potential.

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SWNA task forces hands in April to host a reception in honor of Reggie B. Walton, Associate Director, State and Local Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of President of the U.S. and Ms. Vera M. White, Principal, Jefferson Jr. High held in Harbour Square Club Room.

The event was well attended and a very successful fundraiser for the Youth Activity Task Force and co-host Drug and Crime Task Force. Many local dignitaries attended including U.S. District Attorney Jay Stephens.

Council member Hilda Mason presented a resolution, with entertainment provided by local singer Robin Williams. Ms. Charlotte Brooks presided as mistress of ceremonies.

The Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly was organized in the spring of 1982 to meet the needs of young people in the southwest.

After discovering that jobs were a major need, the task force went into action to provide summer jobs, training and counseling for young people aged 14 to 21. Each year the task force raises funds for this purpose.

These funds have come from private individuals and corporations. The task force also writes proposals for grants from various organizations. All funds are held by the Southwest Community Council, Inc., a non-profit corporation.

A group made up of volunteers, the task force uses its funds to pay students and a coordinator to supervise the young workers. Chairperson Dr. Beryl Rice says, "We want training and jobs for our youth."

The Drug and Crime Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is the latest action group formed by the Assembly. It was voted into being at the April, 1989 Assembly meeting to provide an innovative approach to resolve the critical issues our community faces as it addresses the scourge of drugs and crime.

One year later reveals that these efforts are making a difference as the community mobilizes its resources to work with the Task Force to rid the southwest of drugs and crime.

Members of this Task Force are working with religious, school, housing and youth groups to develop strategies as well as programs. Atkins Warren, Drug Task Force chairman, stated, "We want a drugfree southwest."

VAN NESS E.S. INSCHOOL PROGRAM

The Joy Evans staff consisting of Juliet Coates, Pierre Cox and Kiernan Seth will provide a series of therapeutically designed recreational activities on Wednesdays through June 14, 1989. Classes are scheduled for Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am and at 1:30 pm.

The overall objective of this program is to promote development in the areas of gross motor, cognitive ability, emotional and leisure skills. Providing an atmosphere conducive to the "teams" work ethic which is essential to the overall growth of an individual.



Ms. Vera White receives honor from Dr. Beryl Rice and Pres. Margaret Feldman.



Judge Reggie B. Walton receives congratulations from Atkins Warren.

CALL TO ARTIST

Tomorrow's World Art Center is sponsoring an exhibition of works for Artists ages 55 and over. The exhibition is being held in cooperation with the Washington, D.C. Office of the National Council on Aging. The display will be shown in the council's "Patina Gallery" at 600 Maryland Ave. S.W. For information contact Ms. Georgette Powell at 829-1188 or 347-3646.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO "HELLO"

What ever happened to "hello"
A good traditional greeting
Now it's "how are you" to
Whoever we are meeting

To "hello" we can be honest
And say "hello" in return
In response to "how are you"
"Fine" is all we usually learn

"How are you" still means "hello"
But what are we to do
In answering the recurrent question
Responding "hello" would seem askew

When we answer "fine"
We are often lying
What might be happening
Is that we are actually dying

We're not going to trust
Every Tom, Dick and Harry
With our inner quirks and fears
To avoid the truth, we'll parry

With "I'm fine, how are you"
And the game goes on and on
"Fine," OK, "alright," "good"
Rather than "Awful, my watch is in pawn"

Or "I've defaulted on my mortgage"
"I was picked up for shoplifting"
"My child is failing in school"
"My life in a downward direction is drifting"

"I'm not doing well on my job"
"I had a terrible nightmare last night"
"My best friend won't talk to me"
"I'm feeling high as a kite"

I'm fine, fine, fine, fine
Great, never better, good as new
OK, alright, same as usual
In the pink, "HOW ARE YOU?"

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AMIDON YOUNG INVESTORS CLUB VISITS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

The Amidon Young Investors Club was treated to an experience of a lifetime when they participated in the annual Philadelphia/New York Stock Trip. The trip was sponsored by the Washington Parent Group Fund and the Amidon PTA. The Amidon Young Investors Club was established by Dr. Robert Radford, a Southwest resident and volunteer at Amidon. The group consists of sixth grade Amidon students who study the stock market during the school year with each member being the owner of at least one share in the Philadelphia Electric Company. This year the group visited and participated in the annual shareholders meeting of the Philadelphia Electric Company. The Communications department of the company explained to the students what to expect during the meeting. After the meeting the students traveled to the Limerick Nuclear Power plant which supplies much of the electricity to Philadelphia. At the plant students were treated to lunch and a lecture/demonstration. The demonstration gave the investors an opportunity to experience hands on lessons in nuclear energy and what happens when there is a high demand on energy. From the power plant the students traveled to New York to visit the New York Stock Exchange. Prior to visiting the exchange, the Young Investors visited the Empire State Building where they had an opportunity to survey the New York City panorama from the eighty-sixth floor. At the New York Stock Exchange students were given an overview and history of how the Stock Exchange works and how it came to be. Students had the opportunity to see the board of directors meeting room of the New York Stock Exchange. The tour culminated with the students being given a chance to view the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Throughout the trip students were given the opportunity to shop for souvenirs for family and friends. Dr. Radford and Mrs. Pauline Hamlette, principal at Amidon would like to expand this opportunity and continue to make this valuable experience an on-going Amidon tradition. If you would like to make donations to the Amidon Young Investors Club or would like to support this endeavor please contact Amidon Elementary School at 724-4867.